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E.O. 11652: GDS

TGS: TSPA, EAID, MA, US

SUBJ: RENEWAL NASA STATION AGREEMENT

REF: TANANARIVE 0495

1. DURING CALL TO PRESENT AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE TO MIN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT GEN ANDRIAMAHAZO, 22APR, I RAISED QUESTION OF NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS. ANDRIAMAHAZO REPLIED SITUATION STILL STANDS AS IT DID WHEN I LAST RAISED SUBJECT (REFTEL) -- THAT IS, THERE STILL HAS NOT BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOMR TO BRIEF FON-MIN RATSIRAKA FULLY ON GOVT DECISION ON NASA SINCE RATSIRAKA JUST RETURNED PAST WEEKEND FROM NEW YORK.

2. ANDRIAMAHAZO ASSURED US THERE IS NOTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT BECAUSE OF DELAY. AS HE PUT IT, STATION IS OPERATING QUITE SATISFACTORILY WITHOUT FORMAL AGREEMENT AND CAN CONTINUE DO SO FOR SOME TIME. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE AGAIN RECOMMENDED THAT WE NOT PUSH FOR CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ALLOW DEVELOPMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH GOMR.

3. I SAID ONLY MATTER THAT IMPOSES DEADLINE IS 30JUN END FISCAL YEAR DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF AID FUNDS FOR RAILROAD LOAN. SINCE WE WANT CONCLUDE NASA STATION AND RAILROAD LOAN AGREEMENTS SIMULTANEOUSLY, NASA AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE THAT DATE. HE UNDERSTANDS THIS COMPLETELY, BUT URGED WE MAKE

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NO MENTION OF DEADLINE IF SUBJECT COMES UP WITH RATSIRAKA. I, OF COURSE, AGREED WE WOULD NOT DO SO.

4. ANDRIAMAHAZO ALSO SUGGESTED WE TAKE NO INITIATIVE AT WORK-  
ING LEVEL ON RESUMPTION OF NASA NEGOTIATIONS, BUT AWAIT WORD  
FROM HIM. I AGREED.  
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